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102203**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND METHOD FOR MEAT PRODUCTION**

and invented by:

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Enclosed are:

**Application Elements**1.  Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below2.  Specification having 13 pages and including the following:

- a.  Descriptive Title of the Invention
- b.  Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
- c.  Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
- d.  Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
- e.  Background of the Invention
- f.  Brief Summary of the Invention
- g.  Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
- h.  Detailed Description
- i.  Claim(s) as Classified Below
- j.  Abstract of the Disclosure

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3.  Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)  
a.  Formal Number of Sheets 3  
b.  Informal Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Oath or Declaration  
a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  Unexecuted  
b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)  
c.  With Power of Attorney  Without Power of Attorney  
d.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5.  Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under  
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.
6.  CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7.  Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)  
a.  Computer Readable Form (CFR)  
b.  Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii.  Paper  
c.  Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) **COPY OF PREVIOUSLY RECORDED ASSIGNMENT**
10.  37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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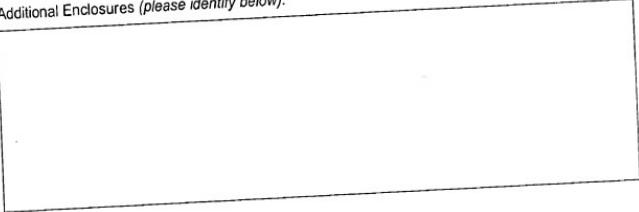
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17.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
 (Optional) Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

18.  Additional Enclosures (please identify below):  


**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

19.  Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.

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Total Claims	8	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
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OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					TOTAL FILING FEE \$385.00

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below.

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Transmitted herewith is/are: Express Mail Transmittal (1 page); Utility Patent Application Transmittal (4 pages); Specification (13 pages); Claims (2 pages); Abstract (1 page); 3 drawing sheets; Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages); Copy of Recorded Assignment (5 pages); Copy of IDS Form 1449 (2 pages); \$385.00 Filing Fee; and Return Postcard.

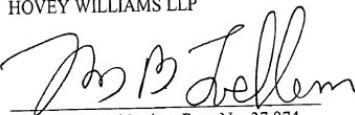
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